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DETAILS:

I. FRENTE REVOLUCIONARIO DEMOCRATICO (FRD)
(Democratic Revolutionary Front) Miami

In June, 1960, the FRD was formed as an alliance of several anti-Communist Cuban revolutionary organizations. Although the FRD has accepted into membership many other organizations, the following organizations are considered the most important, receive the most publicity, and exert the most influence: (U)

1. The Authentic Party headed by MANUEL ANTONIO DE VARONA LOREDO. (U) *ELA*

MM T-1, who was an official in the Frente until June, 1961, advised on July 5, 1961, that VARONA had organized a political organization known as Rescate for the purpose of justifying his position as co-ordinator of the FRD. (U)

MM T-1 explained that Rescate consists of some members of the Authentic organization, a Cuban political party, and maintains headquarters at 24th Street and Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, Florida. Rescate was organized by VARONA as a political organization to back him as the political leader of the anti-CASTRO movement among political exiles outside of Cuba and to give VARONA the nucleus of an established organization for future political power in Cuba. (U)

MM T-1 advised that VARONA uses this organization as the basis for his position of leadership in the FRD. When VARONA was originally campaigning for this position, he claimed he represented the Authentic organization, but this was denied by many of the leading politicians in the (U)

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